

Hybrid Landfill Gas Systems Breakout Session Summary Report

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Facilitator's Observations

- **Good spread of participants in session**
- **What's a Hybrid?**
 - Definition and boundaries
- **New mindset**
- **Significant interest**



Agenda

- **Introductions**
- **Definition of Terms?**
- **Processes**
- **Questions to be addressed**



Configurations of Landfill Gas Energy Systems

- **Single power producing unit using fuel blending - Natural Gas (NG) and Landfill Gas (LFG) (9 votes)**
- **Conversion of LFG to LNG, CNG or methanol, which can be stored and or shipped (6 votes)**
- **Multiple power producing units with dedicated fuel - NG and LFG (5 votes)**



Single power producing unit using fuel blending - NG and LFG

Advantages

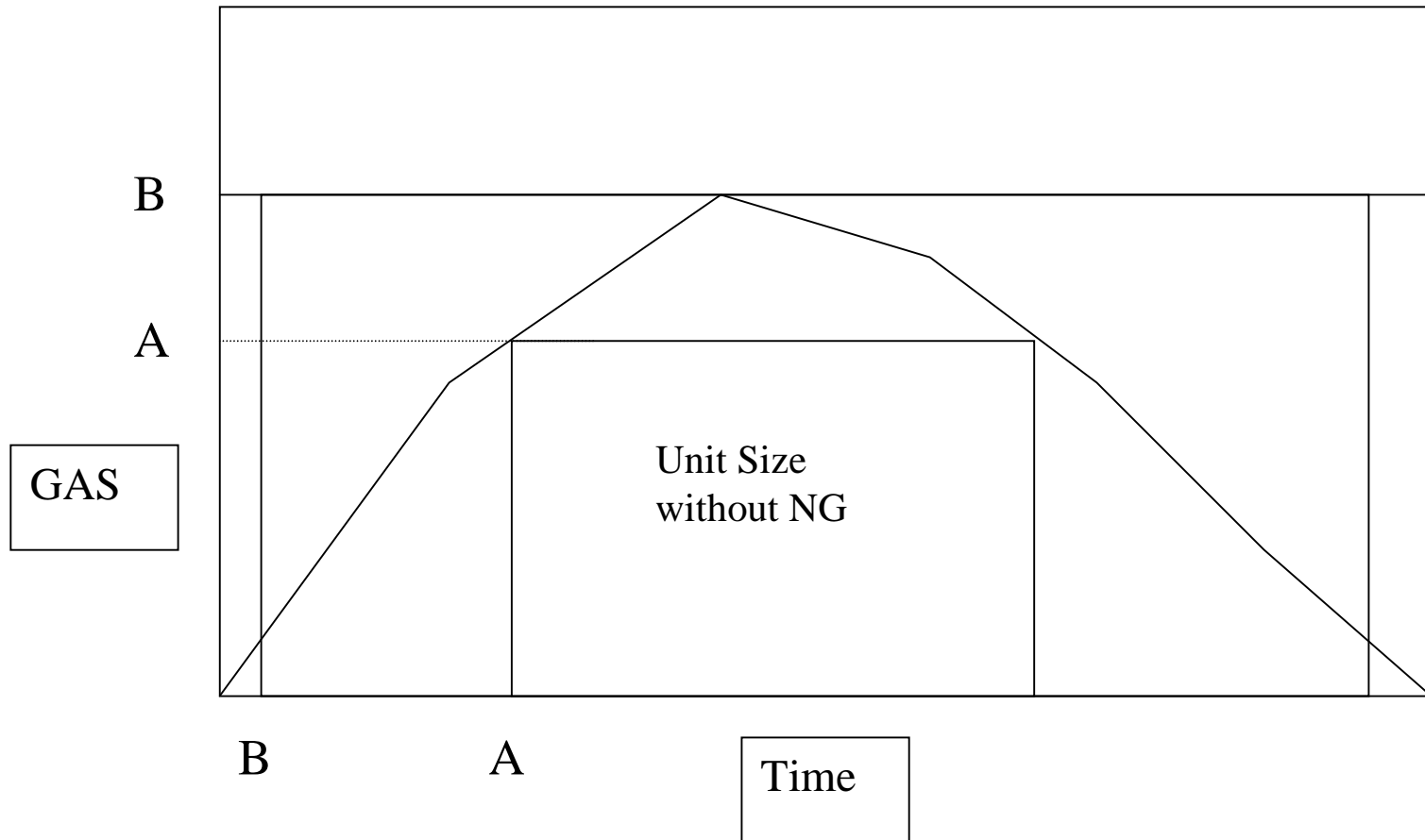
- Addresses LFG waste issue
- Multiple fuel sources increases reliability
- Low risk, near term technology
- Increase and stabilize output
- Allows for fuel cost benefit optimization

Disadvantages / Barriers

- Must be near to natural gas line
- Regulatory constraints - QF as defined in PURPA
- Must match with load or
- Access to electrical distribution system or end-user
- Volatility of NG price
- High tech knowledge required (operation)
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LFG waste issue



Conversion of LFG to LNG, CNG or methanol, which can be stored and or shipped

Advantages

- Allows energy to be stored
- Transportable
- Increases value of fuel
- Expands application options for the fuel
- Can lower fuel costs for waste disposal fleet
- CO₂ available as second product

Disadvantages / Barriers

- LNG trucks are not as efficient compared to diesel
- Must clean up conversion by products
- Must meet capital cost of equipment hurdle
 - 10,000 gallon LNG/day plant



Multiple power producing units with dedicated fuel - NG and LFG

Advantages

- Potential for high efficiency
- With devices dedicated to either fuel, permitting will be easier
- Maximized LFG fuel usage
- Better load following capability
- Can use SCR technology in NG engine to reduce NOx
- Do not have to do fuel blending
- System would have high versatility for other uses
- Potential to improve site economics
- Combine LFG base load unit and NG peaking unit in one plant
- Less complex than fuel blending



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R&D Required to Overcome Barriers

- **R&D that Crosscuts Configurations**
 - Limited database of information on applying the technologies in the defined configurations (High)
 - Configurations require first of a kind demonstrations to secure user acceptance (High)
 - Interconnection with electric utility (Medium)
 - Define status of carbon credits (Medium)
 - R&D to verify regulatory constraints (Low)
 - Ways to control generation rates of LFG (Low)
 - Standardization of equipment components (Low)



R&D Required to Overcome Barriers

- **Non-Crosscutting R&D**
 - Engine efficiency using LNG (High)
 - Blending carburetor equipment (Medium)
 - Lower cost, lower size liquefaction plant (Medium)
 - Research additional applications of conversion byproducts (Low)

